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Prior to XM Satellite radio, I used my radio very little. I turned it off around twenty years ago when programming became distasteful and a waste of my time to listen to.

I do not enjoy having to listen to twenty minutes of sports talk, sporting events, juvenile humor or distasteful music in order to get a weather or traffic report.

By subscribing to XM radio, weather and traffic conditions are available to me instantly in addition to entertainment I like which, incidentally, is not available from local commercial broadcasters. I am able to receive the traffic and weather information as I approach the city from as many miles away as I wish. This is something commercial broadcasters are unable to provide. The best local AM radio signal available is unbearably noisy 100 miles from here and, if there is a sporting event, local traffic and weather are seemingly unavailable. Also, local broadcasters do not provide 24 hour information. They don't recognize that there is traffic at hours other than 7 AM until 9 AM and 4 PM until 6 PM. XM Radio keeps me informed at whatever hour I need information.

Since I pay to receive this broadcast, it should be no concern of the commercial broadcasters in the area. If they had programming that interested me, I would be listening to them and XM Radio would not have been able to interest me in paying a fee for services available for free.

Consequently, I beg you to leave XM Radio alone. The broadcasters that fear them should instead take a lesson from what they are providing for their audience. Instead of paying lobbyists, commercial broadcasters should spend their funds on improving their services or perhaps lobby to eliminate Citizens Band Radio. Truckers listening to CB aren't listening to local broadcasters. Do you thing elimination of CB would cause drivers to listen to commercial broadcasts?? Do you think causing XM Radio to discontinue local traffic and weather would cause me to listen to local commercial broadcasts?? NO!!

Thank you for the opportunity to allow myself to be heard.

In closing, PLEASE LEAVE XM RADIO ALONE!

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